

## Message Text

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COME-00 DODE-00 EB-07 FEAE-00 FPC-01 H-01 INR-05

INT-05 L-02 NSAE-00 NSC-05 OMB-01 PM-03 RSC-01 SAM-01

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FM AMEMBASSY LAGOS

TO AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE

AMCONSUL DOUALA

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 7136

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, CM, NI

SUBJ: DRILLING BY US OIL COMPANIES

REF: YAOUNDE 4004

1. CONCUR. EMBASSY HAS NOT AND WILL NOT VIOLATE SOURCE'S CONFIDENCE.

2. IN ANY FUTURE CONTACT, AMEMB YAOUNDE OR AMCONSUL DOUALA MIGHT ASK MOBIL REP, WHO HIMSELF NOTED NNOC/ASHLAND AREA DEFINED BY FMG (OPL 98) EXTENDS 1-2 KILOMETERS INTO MOBIL AREA DEFINED BY GURC, IF MOBIL'S DRILLING VICTORIA MARINE 1 AND 2 WITHIN OR VERY CLOSE TO THE DISPUTED AREA IS NOT LIKELY TO REKINDLE THE BILATERAL DISPUTE IN SAME WAY AS ELF'S DRILLING BIBOUNDI 1 AND 2 AROUSED THE NIGERIANS AND LED TO ESTABLISHMENT OF FOUR-KILOMETER WIDE CORRIDOR FREE OF OIL PROSPECTING ACTIVITY IN THE SHALLOWER WATER. YOU MIGHT ALSO ASK IF MOBIL BELIEVES IF ANYTHING TO BE GAINED BY THEIR OR OUR INFORMING ASHLAND.

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3. COMMENT. USG NOT A PARTY TO THIS BORDER DISPUTE AND

OF COURSE SHOULD NOT BECOME ONE. WE ARE ON THE SPOT,  
HOWEVER, IF U.S. COMPANIES ACTING UNDER DIFFERENT  
JURISDICTIONS REVEAL TO US ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE LIKELY TO  
PROVOKE RENEWED CONFLICT. IS THERE ANY POSSIBILITY GURC  
WANTS MOBIL TO DRILL IN DISPUTED AREA PRECISELY IN ORDER  
TO ESTABLISH PHYSICAL PRESENCE?  
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